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1. CHANGE IN JACOMET ITINERARY OBVIOUSLY REQUIRES ALTERNATION IN MY APPROACH TO PAKISTANIS. I PROPOSE THAT APPROACH NOW BE BASED ON EFFORT, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH, TO GET PAKISTANIS TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO SUSPEND FURTHER TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT FOR REPROCESSING PLANT. I WOULD ASSUME THAT SUCH ACT WOULD MEET REQUIREMENTS OF GLENN AMENDMENT AND THAT ANY HELP WE CAN GIVE FRENCH IN MOVING PAKISTANIS TO ACCEPT SUSPENSION WOULD BE WELCOME BY THEM.

2. SPECIFICALLY, SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT, I WOULD PROPOSE ARGUE THUS WITH PAKISTANIS:
A. CONTINUATION REPROCESSING PROJECT OBVIOUSLY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR U.S. AT CRITICAL TIME IN SOUTH ASIA,
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TO HELP PAKISTAN AND CREATES PROBLEMS FOR OTHER TRADITIONAL FRIENDS (I.E. SHAH) AS WELL.
B. AFGHAN COUP WOULD APPEAR TO CHANGE SITUATION AND MAKE IT IMPERATIVE PAKISTAN CONCENTRATE ON IMMEDIATE STRENGTHENING OF ITS DEFENSES AND ECONOMY. DOES THIS NOT NOW CHANGE PRIORITIES WHICH EXISTED WHEN PLANT PROJECT WAS INAUGURATED?

C. U.S. UNDERSTANDS THAT MILITARY GOVERNMENT FEELS IT CANNOT MAKE FINAL DECISION THIS MATTER. U.S. SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT GOP COULD JUSTIFY SUSPENSION OF FURTHER TRANSFERS TO PROJECT ON GROUNDS OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN AREA AND NEW PRIORITIES, LEAVING TO FUTURE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT ULTIMATE DECISION ON PROJECT. THERE ARE MANY SOUND REASONS ARGUING AGAINST GOING AHEAD WITH REPROCESSING PLANT, INCLUDING REGIONAL STABILITY. DESAI STATEMENT NOT TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER TESTING IS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED ENCOURAGE SYMPATHETIC FRENCH ACCEPTANCE IF THIS WOULD HELP. SUSPENSION WOULD MEET REQUIREMENTS U.S. LAW.

D. IF GOP WOULD AGREE INFORM US AND FRENCH THAT TRANSFERS SUSPENDED, U.S. WOULD IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE FOLLOWING:

(1) FACILITATE ACQUISITION F-5 AIRCRAFT EITHER THROUGH SALES OR TRANSFER FROM THIRD COUNTRY. (WHILE I DID NOT RAISE POSSIBLE F-5 TRANSFER TO PAKISTAN WITH SHAH, I UNDERSTAND FROM CHIEF MAAG IRAN THAT THIS IS FEASIBLE POSSIBILITY IF SHAH GETS OTHER AIRCRAFT HE IS SEEKING.)

(2) CONSIDER LIMITED AMOUNT U.S. FMS CREDIT FOR OTHER PAKISTANI MILITARY PURCHASES IN FUTURE YEARS.

(3) ENCOURAGE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OTHER PAKISTANI PURCHASES-NOT NECESSARILY FROM U.S.-FROM OTHER
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TRADITIONAL FRIENDS (I.E. IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA).

(4) SELL FOUR ADDITIONAL GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS.

(5) SELL ONE DESTROYER TENDER.

(QUERY: CAN DEPARTMENT GIVE ME COST THESE VESSELS?)

(6) EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION TO SALE OF 64 155 MM HOWITZERS AND SMALL HAWK SAM MISSILE SYSTEM.

(7) SIGN IMMEDIATELY DOLS37 MILLION OF FY-77 DEVELOPMENT LOAN AGREEMENTS.

(8) SIGN NEW AGREEMENTS UNDER FY-78 PROGRAM.

(QUERY: CAN DEPARTMENT YET GIVE ME ESTIMATE AMOUNT AVAILABLE IN FY-78?)

(9) ASSIST IN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FRONTIER AND BALUCHISTAN PROVINCES.

(10) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PL-480 BEYOND DOLS52.3 MILLION ALREADY BUDGETED FOR FY-79 TO ASSIST CRITICAL FOOD REQUIREMENTS.

(11) RELEASE DOLS40 MILLION IN RUPIAHS FOR TARBELA PROJECT.

(12) RESCHEDULE DOLS2.8 MILLION IN PAKISTAN DEBT TO U.S. OUSTANDING SINCE 1974 DEBT RESCHEDULING.

COMMENT: IF FOREGOING APPROACH DEEMED FEASIBLE BY DEPARTMENT, PARIS AND ISLAMABAD IT WOULD MEAN CHANGE IN JACOMET'S ITINERARY MAY WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE. WE

MAY THUS BE ABLE TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH GOP WITHOUT
ENCOUNTERING DIRECT BACKLASH FROM FRENCH APPROACH.
INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMENTS REQUESTED PRIOR MY
ARRIVAL IN ISLAMABAD JULY 14. I RECOGNIZE SOME ITEMS
IN 2(D) ABOVE STILL REQUIRE FINAL BUREAUCRATIC APPROVAL.
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